de Young museum

Faith Ringgold Celebration

November 19, 2022, 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm

a writing workshop with The Last Hoisan Poets

3 – 4:30 pm \ Writing Workshop, Kimball Education Gallery

The Last Hoisan Poets - Genny Lim, Flo Oy Wong & Nellie Wong - invite you to write your own original poems, inspired by Faith Ringgold.

Haiku

A traditional Japanese poetic form from the 13th century, haiku is a three-line poem with seventeen syllables, written in a 5/7/5 syllable count. Often focusing on images from nature, **haiku** emphasizes simplicity, intensity, and directness of expression.

American Sentences

The haiku, inspired poet Allen Ginsburg's ***"American Sentences."*** Like haiku, **American Sentences** are comprised of **17 syllables**.

These two American Sentences written by Flo Oy Wong are inspired by *Tar Beach*:

In Harlem sky Cassie soars above sugary ice cream factory

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
In Har-lem sky Cas-sie soars a-bove sug-a-ry ice cream fac-tor-y

at tar beach under dazzling Harlem sky stars illuminate sweet dreams

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
at tar beach under dazz-ling Har-lem sky stars il-lu-min-ate sweet dreams

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Use this QR Code to hear The Last Hoisan Poets read their poems written for the Faith Ringgold Celebration at the de Young Museum or visit their website at thelasthoisanpoets.ddns.net.

Acrostic Poem

The ***acrostic*** is a form in which names or words are spelled out through the first letter of each line. The intent of the ***acrostic***, a form derived from the ***abecedarian***, is to reveal while attempting to conceal within the poem. https://poets.org/glossary/acrostic

F _____

A _____

I _____

T _____

H _____

Try writing another acrostic poem with a word of your choosing.

The Last Hoisan Poets invite you to share your acrostic poem with Faith Ringgold. Snap a photo of your poem or record your reading in the Story Quilt Soundbooth.

Abecedarian Poem

The ***abecedarian*** is an ancient poetic form guided by alphabetical order. Generally each line or stanza begins with the first letter of the alphabet and is followed by the successive letter, until the final letter is reached. https://poets.org/glossary/abecedarian

Use the QR Code on the front of this worksheet to hear to *Quickly Painting Quilting Sowing* by Flo Oy Wong, an ***abecedarian poem*** written for Faith Ringgold.

For an additional challenge, try writing an ***abecedarian poem*** of your own!

Collaborative Poetry

Genny, Flo and Nellie worked together to write a special poem for Faith Ringgold, using the Hoisan-wa phrase *"Thlin Sim Ling Gim"* as a bridge between their individual poetic expressions. This name, given to Faith Ringgold by The Last Hoisan Poets, means *"Believe in heart, make gold."*

Thank you for exploring how poetry can be used to express our appreciation for Faith Ringgold - an American Treasure!